

IN THE CLAIMS:

1-2. **(Cancelled).**

3. **(Currently Amended)** A molded shell for use as a helmet
which comprises:

an inner layer which comprises a fiber-reinforced plastic
material,

an outer layer which comprises a fiber-reinforced plastic
material, and

an integral intermediate layer located between portions of
said inner and outer layers, said intermediate layer comprising first,
second and third layers of non-woven fabric and synthetic resin, and a
molded net member located between said first and second layers, said
molded net member comprising strands of a thermosetting or
thermoplastic resin which are arranged to define square openings[,]
having sides between 2 and 45 mm in length, said strands having
diameters of between 0.1 and 4 mm, and said first, second and third
layers and said molded net member being bonded together [and] with
resins from said first and second layers filling the openings of said net
member so that said net member resists bending of said molded shell and
improves shock resistance.

4. **(Previously Presented)** A molded laminate shell according to
claim 3, wherein said molded net member is made of a thermosetting
resin.

5. **(Previously Presented)** A molded laminate shell according to claim 3, wherein said molded net member is made of a thermoplastic resin.

6. **(New)** A molded laminate shell according to claim 3, wherein said molded net member includes protrusions on opposite sides thereof that extend into the first and second layers.

7. **(New)** A moulded laminate shell according to claim 3, including another molded net member located between said second and third layers.